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**TO:** Regional Directors  
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**SUBJECT:** New Breastfeeding Policies on Breast Pumps

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Two new breastfeeding policies need to be added to all policy manuals at all clinics:

- BF: 05.0, Delivery of Single-user Electric Breast Pumps, and
- BF: 06.0, Loan of Multi-user Electric Breast Pumps.

These policies are identical to the Guidelines for Issuance of Electric Breast Pumps local agencies have been using since the establishment of the breast pump program.

As announced to all local agencies in our September 15, 2000 memo #00-094, entitled "Request for Comments on Proposed Changes to WIC Policy Process," the Program is working on satisfying the TDH requirements for rule making and policy adoption. Until this process is completed, we are not able to officially amend the WIC Policy and Procedure Manual. Over the next few months we will issue any mandated changes to you, including the changes described in this memo, via the numbered memo process. For those local agencies who may be due for a scheduled review by the state agency during this time, we will not issue any findings for deficiencies related to the policy changes we issue by memo.

If you have questions about the policies or issuance of breast pumps, please contact Tracy Erickson, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator at (512) 458-7111, ext. 3409 e-mail [tracy.erickson@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:tracy.erickson@tdh.state.tx.us), or Mary Van Eck, Nutrition Education Coordinator at (512) 458-7111, ext 3484, or e-mail [Mary.VanEck@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:Mary.VanEck@tdh.state.tx.us).